## Notice of **Public Hearing**

& Availability of Final Environmental Impact Report

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# Wednesday, June 7, 2023 9 a.m.

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This public hearing will be conducted entirely virtually and will allow for remote public comment.

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## **Project Address**

Sitio de Proyecto 프로젝트 주소・項目地址 Address ng Proyekto ծրագրի Հասցե 4047-4155 N. Whitsett Avenue; 12506-12630 W. Valley Spring Lane; and Assessor Parcel Number [APN] 2375-018-903, Los Angeles, CA 91604

## **Proposed Project**

Proyecto Propuesto 프로젝트 제안 • 擬議項目 Iminungkahing Proyekto Առաջարկվող ծրագիր **Original Project:** The Harvard-Westlake River Park Project involves redevelopment of a 16.1-acre site and adjacent 1.1-acre portion of property along the LA River, totaling the 17.2-acre (749,344 SF) Project Site, for use as an athletic and recreational facility for the Harvard-Westlake School and shared public use. The Project removes the existing golf course, driving range, and tennis facility to develop 2 athletic fields w/bleacher seating, an 80,249 SF, two-story gymnasium w/max height of 30 feet, a 52-meter swimming pool w/seating, 8 tennis courts w/seating, one level of below-grade parking and a surface parking lot. The Project includes ancillary field buildings, 3 security kiosks, exterior light poles,

## **Proposed Project CONTINUED**

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(Original Project Cont.) walls/fencing, and retention of the existing clubhouse structure, putting green, low brick retaining wall with weeping mortar, and golf ball-shaped light standards. The Project removes 240 existing trees and plants 393 new trees, includes a 1 million-gallon stormwater capture and reuse system, provides 5.4 acres (235,224 SF) of publicly-accessible open space and landscaped pathways connecting to the Zev Greenway, and provides on-site landscaped areas, water features, and recreational facilities. The Project involves off-site improvements to the Valleyheart Drive public right-of-way, portions of the adjacent Zev Greenway, and an ADA compliant pedestrian ramp to the Zev Greenway at Coldwater Canyon Ave. Project development requires excavation and grading to a max depth of 21 feet below grade and a net cut/fill volume of 250,000 cy.

Recommended Project: The Harvard-Westlake River Park Project involves redevelopment of a 16.1-acresite and adjacent 1.1-acre portion of property along the LA River, totaling the 17.2-acre (749,344 sq SF) Project Site, for use as an athletic and recreational facility for the Harvard-Westlake School and shared public use. The Project removes the existing golf course, driving range, and tennis facility to develop 2 athletic fields w/bleacher seating, an 80,249 SF, two-story gymnasium w/max height of 30 feet, a 52-meter swimming pool w/seating, 8 tennis courts w/seating, one level of below-grade parking and a surface parking lot. The Project includes ancillary field buildings, 3 security kiosks, exterior light poles, walls/fencing, and retention of the existing clubhouse structure, putting green, low brick retaining wall with weeping mortar, and golf ball-shaped light standards. The Project removes 240 existing trees and plants 393 new trees, includes a 350,000-gallon stormwater capture and reuse system, provides 5.4 acres (235,224 SF) of publicly-accessible open space and landscaped pathways connecting to the adjacent Zev Greenway, and provides on-site landscaped areas and recreational facilities. The Project involves off-site improvements to the Valleyheart Drive public right-of-way, portions of the adjacent Zev Greenway, and an ADA compliant ramp to the Zev Greenway at Coldwater Canyon Ave. Project development requires excavation and grading to a max depth of 21 feet below grade and a net cut/fill volume of 197,000 cy.

## **Actions Requested**

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The Hearing Officer will take public testimony on behalf of the City Planning Commission regarding:

#### ENV-2020-1512-EIR

1. Pursuant to Sections 21082.1(c) and 21081.6 of the Public Resources Code, The City Planning Commission shall consider the information contained in the **Environmental Impact Report (EIR)** prepared for this project, which includes the Draft EIR, No. ENV-2020-1512-EIR (SCH No. 2020090536) dated March 2022, the Final EIR, dated May 2023 (Harvard-Westlake River Park Project) as well as the whole of the administrative record; and

#### CPC-2020-1511-VCU-SPR

- 2. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 T, a **Vesting Conditional Use Permit** to allow the operation of a private-school athletic and recreational campus in the A1 zone;
- 3. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 F, the following maximum heights for light poles ancillary to the athletic and recreational campus, in lieu of the 30-foot height limit otherwise required by LAMC Section 12.21.1 A:
  - Four 55-foot-tall light poles on the east and west sides of the pool facility;
  - Two 80-foot-tall light poles on the north side of Field B;
  - Two 80-foot-tall light poles on the south side of Field B;
  - Four 80-foot-tall poles on the west and east sidelines of Field A; and

## **Actions Requested CONTINUED**

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- Ten 40-foot-tall light poles located on all four sides of the proposed tennis courts.
- 4. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24 F, the following maximum heights for walls and fences ancillary to the athletic and recreational campus, in lieu of the 8-foot maximum height limitation for fences and walls in side yards and the 6-foot maximum height limitation for fences and walls in front yards, in the A1-1XL-RIO zone:
  - A maximum 10-foot-height wall along Whitsett Avenue; and
  - A maximum 11-foot-height wall along Valley Spring Lane and Bellaire Avenue.
- 5. Pursuant to LAMC Section 16.05, a **Site Plan Review** for a development that results in an increase of more than 50,000 square feet of non-residential floor area.

**Note:** At the hearing, the Hearing Officer will not make any decisions on the EIR and Proposed Entitlement requests. After the hearing, the Hearing Officer will prepare a report on the proposed Vesting Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan Review requests, which will be considered by the decision maker, the City Planning Commission, tentatively scheduled for June 22, 2023 after 8:30 a.m.

THIS IS AN UPDATED NOTICE OF PUPBLIC HEARING & AVAILABILITY OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR CPC-2020-1511-VCU-SPR AND ENV-2020-1512-EIR. THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CPC-2020-1511-VCU-SPR HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM MAY 31, 2023, AND IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 7, 2023.



## **Who's Receiving This Notice**

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## **Notice of Availability of Final EIR**

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An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared to assess potential environmental impacts of the proposed/recommended Project. The EIR is comprised of two parts, the Draft EIR and the Final EIR. A Draft EIR was made available and circulated for public review and comment, pursuant to CEQA provisions, for a 62-day public review period from March 10, 2022 to May 10, 2022. The Final EIR includes a response to comments and text revisions to the Draft EIR based on input received. The Final EIR will be released on May 24, 2023. The EIR will be submitted to the decision-maker for requested certification and action on the Project.

### **Case Information**

Información del caso • 케이스 정보 • 案例資訊 • Impormasyon sa Kaso • Տեղեկություններ գործի վերաբերյալ

Case Number(s):

CPC-2020-1511-VCU-SPR ENV-2020-1512-EIR

**Related Case Number(s):** 

N/A

Zone:

A1-1XL-RIO

**Land Use Designation:** 

**Open Space** 

**Council District:** 

4 - Raman

**Applicant:** Harvard-Westlake School

Representative:

Edgar Khalatian, Mayer Brown, LLP

Overlay(s):

RIO

**Community Plan Area:** 

**Environmental Case Number(s):** 

Sherman Oaks - Studio City - Toluca Lake -

Cahuenga Pass

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#### File Review -

Copies of the DEIR and FEIR are available online at the Department of City Planning's website: https://planning.lacity.org/development-services/eir.

Electronic viewing is also available at the following libraries:

- 1) Los Angeles Central Library, 630 West 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071;
- 2) North Hollywood Amelia Earhart Regional Library, 5211 Tujunga Avenue, North Hollywood, CA 91601
- 3) Studio City Branch Library, 12511 Moorpark Street, Studio City, CA 91604

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